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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

UN-CHRISTIAN CRUSADE

Dr. Fred Schwarz, with the cooperation of most of the Bay Area's press, has been trying to tell the public that his Christian Anti-Communism Crusade is different from the rest of the treacherous right-wing movement.

In fact, the Australian Commie-hunter would have us believe that the Crusade is just Christian—and not political at all.

Several points brought up at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting prove that this isn't the case.

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SCHOOLS FOR INTOLERANCE

• In the first place, such schools in the past have tended to stir up hysteria and intolerance. This has led to prejudiced attacks upon schools and churches—as well as upon responsible unions and their leaders.

• The AFLCIO has been through the fight against Communist infiltration.

Seasoned unionists know that the way to win this fight isn't by name-calling. It isn't by making attacks on the United Nations, the State Department, U.S. foreign policy, or even domestic policy.

• Yet this is exactly the right-wing extremist line which has been peddled by most of the teachers in Dr. Schwarz's school.

In short, the Schwarz crowd is the same old right-to-work gang.

They probably wouldn't know a Communist if they could find one.

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THE PRESS

The S.F. Chronicle is the only Bay Area metropolitan paper which has exposed the Schwarz Crusade for what it is.

But at least two of the smaller papers have been doing a good job. One is the San Leandro Morning News. Another is the Contra Costa Times.

The big story in Contra Costa County was Junior College Superintendent McCunn's efforts to peddle the right-wing line to students and faculty.

Paul Katz of Cemetery Workers 322 said Monday night that Birch Society advertisers put pressure on absentee publisher Dean Lesher—no friend of unions—to cut it out.

According to Katz, Lesher told Editor William Botwright not to print "proof" about a deal involving McCunn and some right-wing books.

This is what led to Botwright's resignation, Katz said. Other newspapers, apparently covering up for their fellow publisher, said the issue was Botwright's desire to run a page 1 editorial.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

CLC and BTC condemn Dr. Schwarz' Crusade

BTC to write statement on Crusade, too

The Building Trades Council joined the Central Labor Council Tuesday night in condemning Dr. Fred Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

Without dissenting vote, delegates authorized the council's business representative, J. L. Childers, to prepare an "appropriate statement."

Referring to the fact that Dr. Schwarz is selling tickets to the week-long "Crusade" at \$20 each, Childers said:

"This guy has got a real good gimmick going."

Childers also said:

"This guy Schwarz is from Australia, and evidently he's an old medicine man because he's got a pretty good pitch."

Childers referred to the fact that many of the Crusade's backers and speakers are members of the "right-to-work crowd" and use an "extreme right-wing approach."

He added that Dr. Schwarz' book contains an apparent attempt to tag labor as "close to the Communists." Childers pointed out that labor could tell the Schwarzs a thing or two about fighting Communism.

OFF-STREET PARKING

Delegates urged Oakland city officials to provide off-street

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Alameda school tax election Tuesday endorsed by labor

Alameda voters are being asked to approve a new school tax rate ceiling Tuesday.

Both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council urge a "yes" vote.

The proposal would raise the school tax ceiling from \$3.40 to \$3.80 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Labor officials on a Citizens Committee on School Finance include C. R. Bartalini of Carpenters 36 and Al Kidder of Department and Specialty Store Clerks 1265.

The committee cites the "very real need" for increased financing to maintain education at a high level in Alameda.

\$1 MILLION LOSS

It also points out that the present \$3.40 tax ceiling expires June 30. Unless the new limit is approved by voters in January, the limit of \$1.65 per \$100 assessed valuation, set by state law in 1937, will go into effect.

Rees blasts Kuchel voting record as too short-sighted

Assemblyman Thomas M. Rees blasted U. S. Senator Thomas Kuchel's voting record before the Central Labor Council Monday night.

He said Kuchel's so-called pro-labor record was shortsighted.

Rees, who has been elected four times in a marginal district in Beverly Hills and part of Los Angeles, has been the only announced Democratic candidate for Republican Senator Kuchel's seat.

Kuchel has voted for many things labor favors, Rees conceded. But his ties to the Republican Party have kept him from taking a stand acceptable to labor on broader issues, the Democratic legislator charged.

FARM WORKERS

"What good is Davis-Bacon or on-site picketing if you don't have a job?" Rees demanded.

Rees promised to support planning for job changes caused by disarmament and automation.

He also charged that Kuchel voted against Senator Eugene McCarthy's amendments to reform the farm labor program.

Conditions among farm workers are "a disgrace to the American system," Rees said.

Gerald F. Maher, chairman of the State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, also spoke briefly.

causing a loss of over \$1 million to the Alameda School District.

As a result, there would be permanent damage to Alameda's educational program. Classes would be increased in size to the point where effective teaching would be impossible, and the district would be unable to pay for adequate personnel and educational materials.

The Alameda Board of Education has made it clear that the proposed \$3.80 rate is a ceiling which cannot be exceeded. And the actual tax rate will be kept as far below this limit as is consistent with a sound educational program, the school board has promised.

In addition to organized labor, the tax measure has been endorsed by the Alameda County Taxpayers' Associations and about 50 leading organizations and individuals.

Voting will be at the schools.



FRANCIS DUNN

Dunn makes it official—he'll run

County Supervisor Francis Dunn announced Wednesday that he will run for Congress.

Dunn, a member of Painters 127 and veteran of the State Legislature and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, will seek the Democratic nomination in the new Ninth Congressional District.

The district includes southern Alameda County and part of northern Santa Clara County.

Dunn represented the 13th Assembly District for six consecutive terms in Sacramento. In 1954, he voluntarily left the Legislature and was elected to the Board of Supervisors. He is now completing his second term as a supervisor.

CITES RECORD

Serving on the Board of Supervisors, Dunn pointed out, has given him insight into the complex problems of local government "and the needs of people at this very personal level of government."

Dunn added that the rapid

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Labor urges Sup. Murphy to announce candidacy

The Central Labor Council has urged County Supervisor John D. Murphy of the First District to announce his candidacy for re-election.

Delegates unanimously approved a motion to this effect by Leslie K. Moore of Auto and Ship Painters 1176 Monday night.

Moore's motion urged Murphy to make his announcement at a press conference at the Alameda County Labor Temple and instructed Council Secretary Robert S. Ash to cooperate with Murphy in bringing this about.

Calls it device to create distrust in U.S.

The Christian Anti-Communism Crusade was condemned by a unanimous vote of Central Labor Council delegates at Monday night's meeting as being "a device to create distrust among the people of the United States."

The CLC recommended to its affiliated unions and to all AFL-CIO unionists in Alameda County that no support be given to the crusade or its schools—one of which is scheduled in Oakland Jan. 29 to Feb. 2.

And the council ordered its secretary to prefer charges against any CLC officer or committee member who uses or permits use of his official title in the council in any way in connection with the Crusade or its schools.

The CLC's three-point policy statement was adopted after an hour-long discussion by Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash.

GREETED BY APPLAUSE

Ash, whose motion was greeted by applause and several seconds, said that at least two members of the Central Labor Council have been actively participating in plans for Dr. Fred Schwarz' Oakland School of Anti-Communism.

He did not give any names.

Ash traced the history of right-wing extremism in the United States, reading sections from books on the wave of reaction and intolerance following World War I and on the neo-fascism of the '30's.

In particular, Ash emphasized the role of Father Coughlin in the '30's. He said that—like Dr. Schwarz—Father Coughlin began by saying his movement was non-political. But he ended by forming an alliance with other right-wing extremists.

Ash also quoted John Birch Society founder Robert Welch in San Francisco Jan. 12 as saying that members of the Birch Society help to set up the anti-communism schools.

Citing statements by a number of current right-wing extremists, Ash said that Dr. Schwarz' faculty and his backers are the same old right-to-work crowd who are out to destroy the United Nations and undermine United States foreign and domestic policies.

SCHWARZ ON RT.-TO-WORK

Ash then quoted from Dr. Schwarz' own book that "any person of intelligence has great reason for concern when workers can be compelled to join or-

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HOW TO BUY

FTC examines new rug shampoos

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The new do-it-yourself rug shampoos and applicators, which are selling like mad, actually do a fairly good job of rug cleaning. But they are neither cheap nor easy to use as is advertised, a recent Federal Trade Commission hearing found.

The testimony about their effectiveness is of major interest to families and comes just in time. Winter is the toughest time for rugs, as people track in extra mud and dirt.

The hearing was held on a complaint of exaggerated advertising against Bissell, Inc., which sells rug and upholstery shampoos and applicators. In respect to the cost and ease of do-it-yourself cleaning, Bissell ads had exaggerated, the FTC examiner ruled.

But he did find that when the do-it-yourself shampoos were applied "with force," tests revealed them to be almost as effective as professional on-location cleaning.

The tests are not wholly precise. But they did show that when the home shampoos were properly applied they had a cleaning effectiveness of 62 per cent of soil removal, compared to 68 per cent for professional methods. A result of 65 per cent is considered satisfactory by professional cleaners for cleaning rugs in your home.

Some authorities say that professional in-plant cleaning is more effective even than profession at-home cleaning, which is one of the reasons why this department always recommends room size rugs rather than wall-to-wall carpeting.)

THE FTC examiner did say that Bissell's ads misrepresented the cost of do-it-yourself cleaning as "one tenth" of professional cleaning charges. He found that professional cleaners charged 8 to 10 cents a square foot, or between \$13 and \$16 for a 9 x 18 rug, except when there was a minimum charge. The do-it-yourself method cost \$1.98 for a 22-ounce can of Bissell's shampoo, enough to do a 9 x 18 rug.

The non-electric applicators themselves cost little. In fact, the manufacturers seem to practically give away the applicators as long as you keep buying the shampoo. This is what's really expensive considering that it's basically a detergent.

At discounts or in private

brand models, applicators are available for as little as \$4 in smaller sizes, \$5-\$6 in larger ones; and an unnecessary dollar more for deluxe models with chrome handles.

There are two types — the trigger type which allows you to release the liquid at will, or the new automatic model, which releases the liquid on the forward stroke and shuts off when you pull it back.

The trigger type gives you more control. The automatic is simpler to use with no valves. Hand applicators for use on upholstery are available for under \$3.

OUR ADVICE is to get the larger model with 100-ounce capacity, which requires less frequent filling.

You also can save on the cost of shampoos by buying the private brands and the larger containers. Bissell's shampoo comes to 9 cents an ounce in the 22-ounce size, or 5½ cents in the gallon container.

Private brand self acting rug shampoos (which you let dry and then vacuum) cost about one-third less—about 6 cents for the 22-ounce container, and under 4 cents in the gallon size.

The FTC examiner pointed out that these new home rug shampooing methods are not quite as easy as advertised. You can't merely spread the shampoo and let it dry, using little or no effort. You have to use some pressure and additional steps.

Nor is the rug shampoo method really "dry cleaning" as Bissell claimed, since the shampoo is a detergent which is applied in a solution of water.

VITAL to successful home shampooing of rugs is a really thorough preliminary vacuuming. Go over the rug slowly. It's also advisable to empty the dust container before you start.

The only preventive against winter water and mud damage is to have adequate mats both outside and just inside the door; blot up water right away. And make sure your family cleans shoes thoroughly before entering the house and removes overshoes.

Some mixture!

Shareholders of Hunt Foods and Industries, Inc., will meet Feb. 23 to vote on a proposed merger with the W. P. Fuller Co., paint and glass firm.

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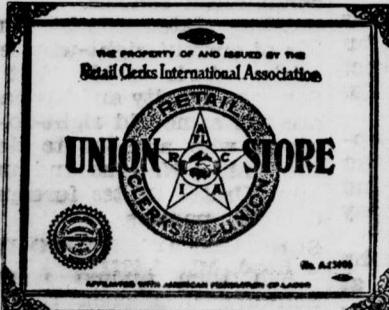
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Slides: interior decoration ideas

"Scene Changers," a series of 50 slides on ideas for interior decoration, will be shown at the Hayward Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., at 8 p.m. January 24 by Ladies Auxiliary 465 of the Carpenters Union.

Members of the auxiliary are inviting interested persons to attend. Mrs. Anthony C. Lopez, vice-president and program will read the commentary on the slides. There will be a discussion and refreshments.

One man's meat

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Food prices dip sharply in area

Led by declines in prices of fresh fruits and vegetables, San Francisco retail food prices dropped sharply in November according to Max D. Kossoris, western regional director of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The decrease of 1.0 per cent was the largest October to November decline since 1954 when a similar 1.0 per cent decline was registered. November 1961 food prices were down 0.3 per cent above the 1947-49 average.

Every food group registered over-the-month price declines. The most important decreases were in the fruits and vegetables group in which sharp drops in the prices of oranges, potatoes, bananas and grapefruit led to a 2.6 per cent decline. Average prices in the other foods at home group decreased 1.7 per cent, mainly because of a 6.1 per cent drop in the price of eggs.

Meats, poultry and fish prices averages 0.5 per cent lower. Bacon, hamburger and leg of lamb were cheaper, but a sharp 7.4 per cent rise in round steak prices served to moderate the overall group decline.

Average prices of dairy products and cereals and bakery products declines a slight 0.2 per cent and 0.1 per cent, respectively.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics bases its price index on San Francisco levels, but S.F. prices are considered to reflect those throughout the Bay Area.

S.F. files another electrical suit

The City of San Francisco has filed a third suit against three of the electrical companies involved in last year's big price rigging case.

City officials said damages—equal to three times amount of overcharges—could total 3 million.

Defendants in the new federal court action are General Electric, Westinghouse and Allis-Chalmers. The suits involve electrical equipment bought for the Hatch Hatch project. Five other companies were named in two earlier suits.

January sales not so good?

After-Christmas bargains are not as numerous as a year ago, according to an article in the Wall Street Journal.

The newspaper interviewed 50 retailers throughout the nation. It found that, in most areas, Christmas sales had topped those of the previous year. And there weren't as many "distress" items left for post-Christmas markdowns.

Of course, some stores sell merchandise "ordered specifically for after holiday sales," the publication pointed out.

TV viewers, unite! — Minow

Newton W. Minow, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, suggests that television viewers take a tip from unions and organize.

Newton, who has been outspoken in his criticism of poor TV programming, said it probably won't change until the public organizes and squawks loudly enough.

To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

THEY SAY the schools are teaching arithmetic differently these days. But we thought two plus two still equalled four. Or, if you added up a column of figures, that there was only one (correct) answer.

But the Yellow Cab Co. of San Francisco and the S. F. City Controller's Office have proved that this ain't necessarily so!

Yellow Cab of S. F. wants to raise its rates—already fourth highest in the U.S. among cities over 250,000. Its application said it lost \$34,565 last year.

But Harry D. Ross, who does his math the way they teach it in good old S. F. schools, says Yellow of S.F. made a profit of \$58,466 last year.

Since Ross is S. F. city controller, his kind of arithmetic has gained some acceptance in official circles.

USING ROSS' figures, the proposed rate increase would jump S. F. Yellow's profits from 6½ to 21 per cent.

Apparently the explanation is that Yellow Cab took advantage of a fast tax writeoff and didn't bother to list this in the figures it used on the city application.

INCIDENTALLY, as any cab rider knows, Oakland's taxi fares are about as high as S. F.'s.

Both S. F. and Oakland Yellow cabs—as well as those in Los Angeles—are owned by the Sovereign Western Corp. of Kansas City. The purchase price last summer was \$5.5 million, which doesn't sound like anybody's losing money!

Now an even bigger holding company, Westgate California Corp., wants to swallow up Sovereign.

While Sovereign specialized in cab companies and other transportation firms, Westgate owns Breast-O-Chicken Tuna, Girard's salad dressing, and a big chunk of a Southern California bank and lots of real estate.

WHATEVER happened to the old rumor that Standard Oil owned Yellow Cab?

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

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Religious leaders don't like Anti-Communism Crusaders

Seven northern California Protestant leaders and one Jew said last week that they would have nothing to do with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

They were: Rabbi Sidney Akseirad, president, Northern California Board of Rabbis; the Rev. Ben C. Bobbitt, executive secretary of the Christian Churches of Northern California-Western Nevada; Dr. Robert D. Bulkley, general presbyter, North Coastal Area, Synod of California, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; Dr. Mack McCray Jr., executive secretary, Northern California Baptist Convention and Nevada Sierra Baptist Convention; Dr. Richard C. Norberg, minister and superintendent, Northern California Congregational Conference; the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California; the Rev. Bishop Donald Harvey Tippett, The Methodist Church, San Francisco Area, and the Rt. Rev. Sumner Walters, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin.

All eight said they were acting as individuals.

'QUESTIONABLE VIEWS'

The clergymen said most of the regular faculty members of the Crusade hold views which are "questionable."

In a prepared statement, they cited 10 specific instances, including the following:

• Cleon Skousen has advocated U. S. withdrawal from the U. N. unless the U. N. charter is re-written into an instrument of American policy.

• Walter Judd and W. P.

Strube Jr. have called for an end to cultural exchanges.

• Both Congressman Judd and Dr. Schwarz have called for an end to negotiations with the Soviet Union.

• By suggesting that there are Communists or dupes in the State Department, Senator Thomas Dodd has cast doubt upon the State Department and U.S. foreign policy.

• Skousen described the late Dag Hammarskjold as a Socialist "with the dream of making the world one large Socialist State."

• The Crusade has consistently used such training aids as "Communism on the Map," the filmstrip which has been repudiated by the Defense Department and which displays Communism as dominating the entire globe with the exception of a handful of countries.

• The Crusade's schools are training grounds for the right-wing John Birch Society.

"Experience in several communities has indicated that, in the wake of these schools, there has been a resurgence of attacks on churches, schools, and councils of churches," the statement adds.

"At a time when America is faced with a dangerous and subtle enemy, internal unity is of the gravest importance."

New CLC delegate

Benjamin Paschal of Printing Pressmen 39 was seated as a delegate to the Central Labor Council Jan. 8.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

AFGE to hold big dinner on Jan. 20

The Northern California Council of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO) is sponsoring its 79th Civil Service Week dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco.

Civil Service Week is Jan. 14 to 20. It commemorates the 79th anniversary of the Civil Service Act.

Main speaker will be State Senator Eugene McAtee of San Francisco. Mayor John C. Houghman of Oakland and Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, are among others listed on the program.

Ed Hallen of Lodge 51, ticket chairman, hopes for a turnout of 800 persons. Others on the committee include:

U. S. Burt, Lodge 1547, chairman; Pat Bocca, Lodge 1113, seating; Aline Haake, Lodge 1533, decorations, and Dorothy Sommers, Lodge 1533, decorations.

Tickets have been distributed to all AFGE lodge presidents. Tickets are \$5 including tax and tip.

Berkeley Evening Trade School principal retires

Earl Parkhurst, supervisor of trade and industrial education and principal of the Berkeley Evening Trade School, has retired after 31 years with Berkeley schools.

Parkhurst was employed as a teacher of trade and industrial classes in 1930, became supervisor of War Production Training classes in 1942 and principal of the trade school in 1945.

Fisher Body workers in unemployment appeal

Unemployment appeal hearings will resume Tuesday for members of Auto Workers 333 at Oakland's Fisher Body plant, laid off during last September's Chevrolet strike.

The original decision went in favor of the union on grounds that Fisher Body employees were not participants in the strike. But Fisher Body, a General Motors subsidiary, appealed.

ATTENTION ALL CARPENTERS

Carpenters who have not received Trust Fund Statements One and Two, 1961, or who have differences on these statements should contact the Vacation Department in the Carpenters Trust Fund Office, YU 6-1344, by Jan. 31, 1962, according to Charles Roe, trustee of the Vacation Trust Fund.

Those affected may also contact their local union offices for assistance, Roe said.

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By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

Many of our members know by now that their due books are being kept in our office so as to audit same. This matter may take longer than I would like it to, but our brothers present at the November, 1961, meeting will remember that I made a motion which passed to have an international auditor. As you know, in the past it has been customary to have due books checked by the Finance Committee members. This time I am endeavoring to have our annual audit conducted by an experienced member-officer of our international. The purpose of this is to illustrate to you the healthy financial condition of our local.

Please bear with us on this delay, and do not forget to send in your dues by the first of the month for which due. In turn, receipts are always mailed back to you for your assurance.

Installation of officers will take place at our regular meeting Jan. 25, 1962. Our new business representative, Brother Sab Carabello, will be installed, taking the place of our past B.A., one who helped us much, Brother William G. McCracken. Four newcomers will be sworn in, two Finance Committeemen, brothers Frank Cook and Hugh D. Dean, and two Central Labor Council delegates, Brother Anthony P. Fisher and Al V. Doyle. May our new delegates and committeemen enjoy their work, and may we progress with our new colleagues.

Many thanks to our brothers who participated during our last election, that busy time of the year, and for the support

to all my colleagues and specially to me. May this new year bring us additional success and prosperity. The East Bay Labor Journal will be reaching you weekly, making possible to all of us a most comprehensive understanding of all the labor movement. Please inform our office at any time on any change of your address for efficient delivery of your Journal.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The list this week is up to 228, a bit up from last week, as we expect, here at Local 36. Same elsewhere, even if last week was a good one for calls. The first days this week are really slow because of the rain, I suppose.

We will have the election for delegates to the State Council convention on Feb. 9. If enough remain to the end of the meeting, I will auction off some tools left by a brother who has passed on.

It seems strange to me that getting an idea across is so hard when people must give a bit, but so easy where there is a prospect of getting something for nothing.

Airport Inn pact signed

A contract has been signed between Building Service Employees 18 and the Airport Inn, Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, told delegates.

Hellender said the inn's management had reneged on a promise to sign, until the Central Labor Council stepped in to help settle differences.

Painters 1178 Credit Union

By AL LANKFORD, President

The time is drawing near for our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Members have been notified by mail of our meeting. Hope to see you each and every one of you there. If you a member of Local 1178 and have not joined our credit union, you still have time before our annual meeting. Your wife and children are also eligible to join. You must be a member of the credit union to attend the meeting, which will be held this month. So hurry and contact the Painter's office for details. Hope to see you soon.

Painters Dist. Council 16

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

There are in round figures, give or take some, 8,000 painters working in the Bay Area under an agreement with the painting contractors and other employers.

Our business is one of the many that is changing under the pressures and impetus of the fast moving times. We will start the latter half of this year working under a new negotiated contract that will certainly reflect and embody some of the changes which have already overtaken us.

The essential, vital force in any industry or business is not machinery, tools, buildings, or money—but the workers—you, the people that do the work.

Now, along with the inevitable changes in our contract, you, too, who have chosen this trade as a means to support yourself and family, must also be willing

to do what is necessary to keep up.

Your council and local will help in providing the means for learning some of the skills you may be lacking in—our goal is for a continuous program of training in convenient classroom locations by competent instructors.

There is much groundwork to be done, and we will hurry it along as fast as possible—but more on this subject later.

Ol' Hoss says: It is part of wisdom to know we need not react to every trivial circumstance.

Typographical Auxiliary

By MURIEL J. PFAFFENBERGER

President Mary Stapleton is planning a luncheon for members and friends to be held at her home, 3400 Crane Way, Oakland, Jan. 25 at 11:30. Members are urged to call KE 3-8698 for reservations. Also, please bring white elephants wrapped to be used as prizes. This promises to be a really nice party; so won't you please make plans to attend?

The January meeting which was held in Ann Hubbard's home was well attended, and members were glad to have our only charter member, Mabel Patterson, with them.

Next regular business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1, at Elizabeth Fee's home at 10:30. Remember the sandwiches.

MORE COLUMNS

More union columns will be found on page 6 of this week's issue.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

With the election of officers of this union and the installation of same behind us, the various committees elected in accordance with the United Association's constitution will be back in operation again.

Speaking of the newly revised United Association Constitution — as soon as they are made available by the General Offices of the United Association, our membership will be advised accordingly.

This union's Board of Trustees will be meeting shortly to review this union's proposed apprenticeship and journeyman training school project. As you know, property has been purchased, specifications and drawings concluded, leaving only the matter of financing policy in the building of this \$200,000 training school. However, you will hear more on this later.

Recently the writer received a letter from Retired General Organizer Archie Virtue — and we wonder if he has retired, as he has informed me that he recently installed the officers of Locals 78 and 709 of Los Angeles, Local 761 of Burbank and Local 545 of Santa Monica, not to speak of his attendance at the District Council meetings held in the various cities of Southern California. It seems that he is only semi-retired and should be on someone's payroll.

The security offices, Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, Calif., have advised this union that members of this union previously employed with the Atomic Energy or by subcontractors that have been issued a Q clearance should advise this union accordingly so that we may have a record for you for future employment. Therefore, please advise this union office if you qualified for a Q clearance when you were employed at the Atomic Energy Plant in Livermore, Calif.

Please plan to attend your union meetings regularly, which are held the first and third Thursdays of each month.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our new building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special order of business at our next regular meeting, Feb. 6, 1962, to act on the question of re-funding strike benefits to the Grand Lodge from members working at Trailmobile.

At the same meeting of Feb. 6, 1962, there will be another special order of business to act on the expenditures of a testimonial dinner and gift for our retiring General Business Representative E. H. Vernon.

Fraternally yours,
DON CROSMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE

The election for delegates will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8, 1962.

Fraternally,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Tri-State Council Death Assessments Nos. 468 and 469 are now due and payable. Local 216's Brother Douglas Ramsey, No. 279903, passed away on October 30, 1961, and Brother John M. Tracy, No. 7392, a member in good standing of Local 108, Los Angeles, passed away on October 16, 1961.

JOE F. PRUSS, SR.
Financial Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings of Carpenters are held each Friday at 8 p.m., unless otherwise specified, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

We sincerely urge that you attend meetings as regularly as possible. You as a member should take part in the deliberation of these meetings and aid to form policies that are good for the labor movement as a whole, and for you as an individual.

Stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, and the last Friday of each month is social night for all.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST
Recording Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

Fraternally,
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The next regular meeting will be Feb. 6 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. A very special surprise guest is due at a meeting soon. A real deluxe dignitary. Big things coming up. Don't miss 'em.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Acting Secretary

S. F. - OAKLAND MAILERS 18

NOTICE

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at 410 11th Street Building, Oakland, California, on Sunday afternoon, January 21, 1962 at one o'clock.

Fraternally,
HORACE W. STAFFORD,
Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFADAMO,
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN 550

Election of delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters Convention in San Mateo February 13-16 will be held at the membership meeting of Local 550 this Friday, January 19, 1962, in Hall A of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JAMES MORRISON,
President
JACK ARCHIBALD,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. January 18, 1962.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. January 24, 1962.

There will be a special called meeting Friday at 8 p.m. February 9, 1962, for the election of delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters convention, at the above address. All carpenters are asked to attend this most important special called meeting, and vote for the delegates of their choice.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Jan. 18 in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY
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HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m. and the third at 8 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held Feb. 20.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President

LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 1962, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

1. The regular order of business.

2. The installation of the officers for years 1962 and 1963.

3. There will be refreshments served on adjournment of the meeting.

4. Your next regular scheduled holiday will be Washington's birthday, Thursday, February 22, 1962.

5. Your newly elected officers will be installed at this meeting and it will be an opportunity for you to meet them.

6. Lets have a good attendance and start the New Year right. Hope to see you then.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec. Treas.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board meeting Thursday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m. Union Office, Room 208, Labor Temple.

Regular union meeting Friday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Hall D, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
ELLA BAINES,
Recording Secretary

BARBERS 134

Regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,

I. O. CHAMORRO,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held on Feb. 10, 1962, at Colombo Hall. Executive Board will meet at 1 p.m. The general assembly will be at 2 p.m.

We, the officers, wish to thank the membership for your support in the election and are looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Following initiation of applicants at the regular meeting of Friday night, Jan. 19, a special meeting will be called to order to hear a detailed report on a welfare fund plan from an official of an insurance company in the Bay Area.

As partly reported by Chairman Andre LaRoche of an investigating committee appointed to look into this subject, his report at our last meeting was very gratifying. The official mentioned will answer any and all questions on this plan. Do not miss this meeting. After the special, we will revert to the regular meeting.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Thomas L. Pitts of the California Labor Federation met Monday with labor leaders from agricultural counties on plans to renew the drive to unionize farm workers.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Effective Jan. 10, the U. S. Post Office Department increased postage due rates on newspapers by 100 per cent.

Members planning to move should notify their unions and the East Bay Labor Journal, if possible, prior to moving.

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Elsewhere in this issue will be found a box to be filled out and mailed in by those who are moving.

IAM Production Local 1518 elects Seffer to new term

John Seffer was scheduled to start his fifth year as secretary-treasurer of Production Machinists 1518 at an installation meeting this Thursday.

Seffer was unopposed in elections held in December.

Others scheduled to be installed were:

George O. Wilson, president; Orville Glover, vice-president; Floyd Harkins, recording secretary; Alberta Cassero, treasurer; LeRoy Hart, conductor; Leo Sward, sentinel; Frank P. Bento Jr., trustee; Henry L. Nunes, parliamentarian; Itha Burwick, Delegate to Building Association; Henry L. Nunes, delegate to California Conference of Machinists; John Cazone, Eva Ledsinger, Henry L. Nunes, Bjarne Thoresen and Sidney Wallace, Executive Board, and Frank P. Bento Jr., Itha Burwick, Orville Glover, John W. Lewis and Sidney Wallace, delegates to District Lodge 115.

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Dr. Nolan backed by Teachers 771, issues statement

Oakland-Alameda County Teachers 771 supported the recent stand of Dr. Robert Nolan, member of the Oakland Board of Education, on mid-term board appointments.

Dr. Nolan's position — also supported by the Central Labor Council — was that the board's practice of appointing new members was "not the kind of practice which fosters the optimal effectiveness of a democracy."

The Teachers' Union also voted praise for the efforts of Richard K. Groulx, assistant Central Labor Council secretary.

The school board went ahead and made a mid-term appointment, anyway, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Marjorie Hirschler.

NOLAN STATEMENT

Following is a statement made by Dr. Nolan at that meeting:

"Mr. President, I wish to express the following reservations about this particular appointment process:

"I regret that the board has not considered the issues I mentioned at our meeting of December 5th regarding board appointment practices, nor the possible alternatives suggested, despite the considerable community interest that has been evidenced in this subject.

"I believe this appointment represents the further expansion of the conservative point of view, which is already amply and ably represented on the board, far out of proportion to its representation in the community.

"However, I believe that Mrs. McCaffery is an able, intelligent, well-motivated individual who will contribute actively to our work. In my desire to welcome her to the board and assure her of my personal cooperation, I plan to vote for her appointment."

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Masochistic impulses attract us to Pabco periodically. Bitter memories punish our sensibilities at the 64th street entrance. On one occasion, we drove into the parking area and saw Floor-covering Buildings being demolished. Most of Pabco's wooden structures are gone. The employees' entrance is no longer at 64th street. Two small structures have been erected at the Powell street gate. Evidently a new timehouse and personnel building.

Dismantling the Emeryville Plant doesn't add up to claims of Fibreboard Officials that their contracting out of maintenance was necessary for continued operations.

With litigation still pending, it's our impression their decision to demolish was spurred by legal expediency.

Even more desolate than the empty areas where men and machinery once made building materials for Pabco, is the realization that Pabco can now claim their Emeryville operations will not accommodate their former Steelworker employees, in the event the NLRB reconsiders our lockout.

If the energy put out by employers to combat unions were channeled into constructive efforts, our American economy could zoom to dream goals of full production and employment.

We said dream goals because it ain't gonna happen.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

Notice: The regular membership meeting this Friday, January 19, will elect delegates to the convention of the California State Council of Carpenters to be held Feb. 13-16 in San Mateo. The Six County Committee met on preparation of contract demands last Friday night. As-

signments were made for gathering statistical and technical information for some of the proposed demands, and another meeting was scheduled for the end of this month.

The State Mill Committee met last Saturday in Fresno. Several resolutions on mill problems were adopted for submission to the convention of the State Council of Carpenters. Then we heard reports from Anthony Ramos on organizing in Merced and Modesto and negotiations, and from Harlan Poulter of Local 721 in Los Angeles on their successful fight to hold school fixture work in the area.

Unemployment: Job situation bad. Some employers hope for pickup in February. A warning: if you are laid off, be very sure to register for unemployment. Even if the employer says you will be called back in a week, register anyhow. We have had several cases where members failed to register and were not called back the next week, so they missed a week or two of compensation. Also, be sure to register with the union so we will know you are available for work.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

As you are all aware 1962 is the 25th anniversary year of the chartering of this union. It is also the beginning of the 19th year of our Health and Welfare Program, as it is now called. When we started 18 years ago, it was known as an Insurance Plan.

Many changes have taken place in health and welfare programs and the cost of same since we started our program during World War II. At that time the War Labor Board allowed a 5 per cent contribution from employers for the purpose of insurance in lieu of wage increases. This union accepted and put one of the first health and welfare programs into effect in this area.

The monthly premiums our employers paid in those early days, inasmuch as we were granted 5 per cent of the payroll, was almost as high as it is today, even though we have a flat monthly sum established. We have watched the payments of employers to the welfare funds of other unions not only catch up to ours but also go ahead in the total amount of contributions.

I am writing about these facts at this time because our health and welfare program has practically reached a saturation point, and it will be necessary for the organization to take an accurate and constructive look at the entire program during the year 1962 when we renegotiate our union agreement.

I will write more information on this subject in future col-

umns because it is very important to all of us.

We are listing below payments made under the Group Indemnity Plan covering the period from January 27, 1961, to January 12, 1962. As you know, half of our members are covered in the Kaiser Medical Plan, and we have no way of estimating the amount of service received by these members and their families.

Ernie Anselmi, \$802.96; Gus Axiotis, \$87.00; Thomas M. Ashmore, \$109.00; Edward E. Bachman, \$12.50; Emil Balangero, \$187.39; Charles Behrend, \$518.00; Lynn Bicknell (dep. of John Bicknell), \$141.75; Ernest B. Bock, \$30.00; Mary B. Brennan (dep. of Patrick L. Brennan), \$200.00; Giuseppe Broccini, \$25.00; Elizabeth W. Burr (beneficiary of Roland C. Burr), \$2,029.00.

Nubia Campos, \$174.00; Alexander Chernoff, \$10.00; Paul Chicka, \$30.00; Viola Connally, \$114.00; Marjorie Ann Fuller (dep. of Adrian Fuller), \$18.00; Robert C. Granter, \$25.00; Marilyn Hartley (dep. of William Hartley), \$499.50; William Hartley, \$123.16; Daniel G. Hayes, \$19.00; Mildred Heffernan, \$112.50; Anna Hulegard (dep. of Henry A. Hulegard), \$140.12; Henry Hulegard, \$25.00.

Charles A. Jaeger, \$240.28; Evangeline Johnson, \$17.50; Maude Johnson (dep. of William E. Johnson), \$137.41; Muriel Kopp (dep. of Harry Kopp), \$76.00; Alice C. Lloyds beneficiary of Harvey C. Lloyds, \$2,000; Ignatius Lo Monaco, \$190.81; Joseph Oliver, \$1,238.93; Gertrude Pecten (dep. of John Pecten), \$500.90; Wendy Reynolds, \$100.00; Marcus Rice, Jr., \$40.00; Marcus Rice, Sr., \$777.21; Shirley A. Rose, \$20.00; Errald L. Rosecrans, \$10.00.

Josephine Sainz (dep. of Joe Sainz), \$72.50; Mildred Steiner (dep. of Theodore Steiner), \$269.14; Ruth Straub (dep. of Victor Straub), \$18.75; Herbert Teel, \$23.28; Leonard H. Thorsen, \$25.00; Henry Uyeda, \$12.50; Anna Venturi (dep. of Victor Venturi), \$84.75; C. Gil West, \$91.14; Thomas J. Wheeler, \$34.00; Thomas J. Wheeler, Jr. (dep. of Thomas J. Wheeler), \$15.00; C. Ray Withers, \$25.00; Edwin B. Wixom, \$24.50; Remigio G. Wonsetler, \$126.00.

School bus firm strike enters its third week

A strike at Gillig Bros., Hayward school bus manufacturers, is in its third week.

Unions involved are Sheet Metal Production Workers 355 and Auto and Ship Painters 1176. Leslie K. Moore, business representative for Local 1176, said Tuesday that no negotiations have been held since the strike began Jan. 3, and none were scheduled. Wages and classifications are the chief issues.

NOTICE ON HEALTH PLANS FOR ALL CARPENTERS

Carpenters desiring to change their health and welfare coverage from Kaiser to Blue Cross or Blue Cross to Kaiser within the eight counties served by the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., will be required to submit, in writing, their election to change their existing coverage by February 15, 1962. Notification of change can be effected either by letter, post card or a new enrollment card indicating the desire to change.

It should be specifically recognized that Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., can provide services only within the eight counties of the Greater Bay Area, namely: San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, Sonoma, Solano and Napa.

Additionally, services can be rendered within the northern part of Santa Clara County.

If a carpenter does not submit any indication of a desire to change, his coverage will continue under his present plan.

The Carpenters Trust Fund office is located at 995 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

Peter Paul hearings to resume next week

State hearings on whether members of American Bakery and Confectionery Workers 242 will receive unemployment benefits will resume next week, according to Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Hellender said he hoped the hearings would be wrapped up by the end of the week. The extended hearings are being held to determine whether union members fired by Peter Paul, Inc., Oakland candy manufacturers, can receive unemployment benefits.

The anti-union company has fought issuance of benefits.

Mailers seek strike OK

President Douglas Smith of Mailers 18 said members will be asked to seek international union strike sanction Sunday against Phillips & Van Orden, San Francisco commercial mailing firm.

All members are urged to attend the meeting, at 1 p.m. at 1110 Franklin St., Oakland.

Bob Clark in hospital

Robert W. Clark, assistant to the district director of the Steelworkers, is still in Permanente Hospital in Harbor City in Southern California as the result of an auto accident Jan. 2. His condition is "quite serious," according to union officials here.

Clark is also co-chairman of the California Apprenticeship Council.

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Central Labor Council hits the Schwarz crusaders

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ganizations, contribute their money, and obey the leadership imposed by a small group . . . and when that money can be used for political purposes."

This is the essence of right-to-work philosophy, Ash pointed out.

Citing the Dr. Schwarz's reluctance to discuss the finances of his Crusade, Ash also pointed out that the labor movement has learned how to fight Communism — and Dr. Schwarz' way isn't the right way.

At the request of Ed Logue of Machinists 284, the policy statement was amended to include a reference to the fact that the CLC also condemns Communism.

Other speakers for the motion included Paul Katz of Cemetery Workers 322 and CLC President Russell Crowell of Cleaners 3009.

C. L. MacMonagle of Automotive Machinists 1546 said preferring charges should be a permissive matter, not mandatory. But no support was given for this view.

Following is the text of the policy statement:

"1. The Central Labor Council condemns the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and its schools."

Dunn to seek 9th District seat

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growth of the area included in the new 9th District will make many demands on all levels of government, and harmonious relations between the federal, state and local levels will be necessary.

"Adequate representation for this district in Washington," Dunn declared, "calls for a Congressman who knows the business of government. But experience in the business of government alone is not enough. In addition, the qualities of ability and initiative and leadership are needed to make experience both meaningful and useful in the Congress."

"I believe that my tenure in public office, and particularly, that of my legislative record in Sacramento, shows that I have never feared to advocate new ideas, new methods and to bring new programs to government."

LEGISLATION SPONSORED

Dunn submitted the following partial list of legislation he has sponsored:

• Initiation of the State Building Aid Fund which provides for school construction in California.

schools as we have condemned the Communist Movement as being a device to create distrust among the people of the United States, and sow seeds of doubt and suspicion upon the intelligence, integrity and patriotism of the people of our nation and the nation's leaders, both present and past.

"2. The Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO, recommends to its affiliated unions and to the AFLCIO trade unionists in Alameda County that no support be given to the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade or its schools.

"3. The Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO, at its meeting on January 15, 1962, request complete support of this policy statement from each of its officers, its Executive Committee members and other committee members, and orders the Secretary of the Council to prefer charges against any officer, Executive Committee member or other committee member of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO, who uses his official title in the Council or permits its use in any way in connection with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade or its schools."

BTC acts on Dr. Schwarz's Crusade

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parking and retain present sidewalk widths on Valdez street when a proposed widening project is carried out.

Business Representative Childers said present city plans call for cutting through Valdez to the Kaiser Center Garage, making it four lanes with no parking on either side, and reducing the present 14-foot sidewalk in front of the Labor Temple to eight feet.

The BTC appointed a committee to join the Labor Temple Association in a meeting with Mayor John C. Houlihan to protest these plans. It is believed that both the parking ban and the narrower sidewalks would

present problems for labor Temple tenants and other unions which meet there.

BTC AGREEMENTS

Secretary John A. Davy reported to the council that Building Trades agreements had been signed by the following:

Archie Caley, LeRoy Minks, Lyle Neel Masonry, Pete Perrine Masonry, J&P Trucking, H. J. Deetz, Gazin Construction Co., T. P. Walker and Jon Johnson Pool Builder.

CHILDERS' REPORT

Childers reported on several disputes, some of which have been settled. He said an agreement had been reached with the Minks Realty Co. and praised ILWU cooperation in a

problem at the Dodge plant in San Leandro.

In the latter, the Lipsett Steel Products Co., a contractor, claimed the ILWU had jurisdiction because of a Southern California contract. But the ILWU helped the Building Trades Council to reach agreement with the firm.

APPRENTICESHIP CLASSES

Following a letter from Millmen's 550, the council's Executive Board voted Tuesday morning to protest a proposal to discontinue apprenticeship classes in the Hayward Union High School District.

The Central Labor Council voted a similar protest at its meeting Monday night.



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Cries of anguish by the big farm interests

On Jan. 3, the Labor Department ordered growers in California, Arizona and Texas to pay imported Mexican National contract laborers 24 cents a carton, or its equivalent rate, for picking lettuce.

For many years, the law has supposedly prevented farmers from hiring Mexican Nationals—or Braceros—when American workers were available. It has also supposedly kept farmers from using Braceros to depress wage rates of domestic workers.

We say "supposedly" because this is not the way it worked out.

So when the Democratic Kennedy Administration finally did something about it two weeks ago, you can understand why the powerful Imperial Valley growers and other large scale producers of lettuce set up a big howl.

Despite the smokescreen the growers set up, this is just a first step toward bringing decent wage rates to an industry where employers have had a free hand—politically and economically—for too long.

California's corporation farmers have been among the noisiest of the pressure groups howling about high welfare costs.

If they paid farm workers enough, we wouldn't have the deplorable conditions in our rural slums which spawn poverty, disease and ignorance.

But one point many overlook is that our so-called agribusinessmen are among the biggest recipients of another kind of welfare.

It has been charged that one of the biggest farm companies in Imperial County gets what amounts to a \$100,000-a-year subsidy through low property tax assessments.

Rich farmers also get richer from federal price supports and payments for not growing certain crops.

Finally, Imperial Valley farmers get cheap water from a branch of the All-American Canal. Though this canal was built by the federal government, it has not been made subject to the 160-acre limit.

Imperial County is the seventh most productive agricultural county in the United States. Thanks partly to federal and local "welfare," its farmers take in between \$130 and \$150 million a year. Imperial County has more than 20 million-dollar-a-year crops. Lettuce is just one of them.

This is the background behind the cries of anguish by the Imperial Valley Lettuce Growers Association and others when the government stepped in to right a wrong.

One-half of one per cent

The recent welfare raids in neighboring Santa Clara County offer another example of the big publicity a relatively small number of "cheaters" can receive.

Out of approximately 3,800 families in the county drawing Aid to Needy Children funds, 23 suspected of violating the law were raided. Twenty-one women and two men were arrested. This is slightly over one-half of one per cent of the total.

And Santa Clara County apparently saves up its cases before taking action in raids which make newspaper headlines. Alameda County officials are quoted as saying they handle such investigations on a day-to-day basis.

It should also be pointed out that:

- The number of arrests does not necessarily equal the number of convictions, and

- There is some question about the constitutionality of such pre-dawn boudoir raids.

As we said before, welfare cheaters should be punished. But the public should realize that the number of such cheaters is small when compared with the good the program does.

We'd like to know

When Dr. Fred Schwarz, the Christian anti-Communist crusader, made his first pitch in Oakland last September, he said the U. S. labor movement is the greatest single bulwark against Communism.

Now, according to an article in the Jan. 8 San Francisco Chronicle, he says: "The universities are with the labor unions the great recruiting grounds of the Communists."

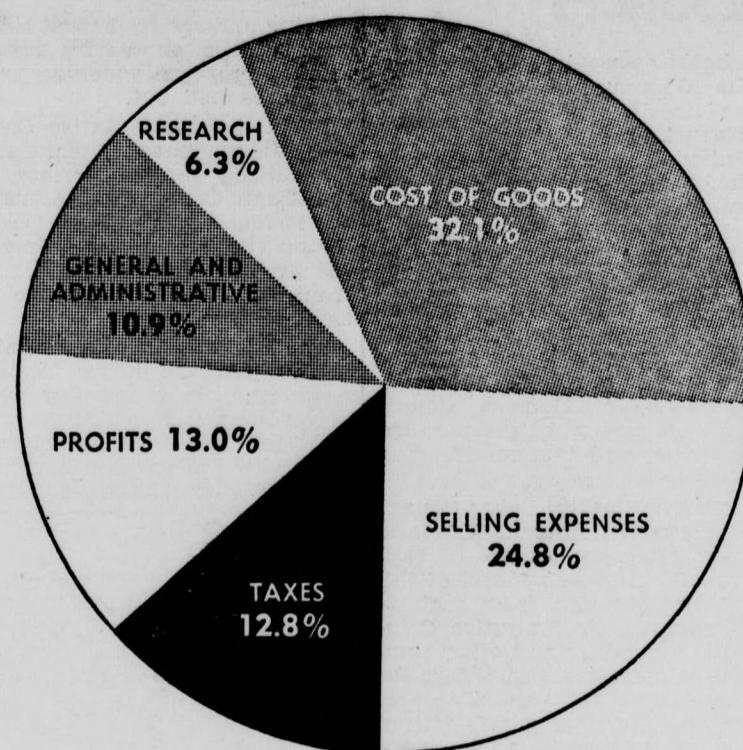
Which does he mean? Are we a bulwark or a hotbed?

As Central Labor Council President Russ Crowell said in bringing this out last week, "This is a guy who says his whole campaign is aimed at searching out the truth."

Maybe the truth depends upon the audience.

THE DRUG COMPANY SALES DOLLAR*

(22 Manufacturers, 1958)



* Figures do not total 100 because of rounding.

SOURCE: Senate Report No. 448, 87th Congress, 1st Session, p. 31

ASH GIVES REPORT ON AFLCIO CONVENTION

President John F. Kennedy's speech was one of the highlights of the recent AFLCIO convention, Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash told Central Labor Council delegates last week.

Ash said the President "did a marvelous job" of explaining what his administration has accomplished and hopes to do in 1962.

The agenda for this year includes Landrum-Griffin reform, health insurance for the aged and other labor law changes, according to Ash.

Ash reported that Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg also gave a fine speech before the convention.

FOREIGN VISITORS

Among the convention events which impressed him most, Ash said, were talks by representatives of foreign countries — especially those in Africa.

Ash specifically mentioned talks by representatives from Nigeria, Algeria, Morocco and Upper Volta.

These speakers helped counter recent attacks on the United States for its support of the U.N. by telling what the world organization had done for their countries, Ash said.

Some of those who talked had been trained or aided by AFL-CIO and ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) funds, Ash told delegates.

Among the falsehoods these speakers dispelled, Ash pointed out, were reports claiming that the U.N. and the AFLCIO are doing nothing in African countries.

DR. KING

Ash also commented favorably upon the speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, integration leader, before the convention.

Dr. King's speech was termed "moderate" by Ash, especially in view of the fact that the Negro leader was arrested twice within three days after leaving the convention in connection with sit-in demonstrations.

ORGANIZING

Ash said that, as the result of convention action, local labor movements now have some authority to go out and do some of the organizing which has been neglected in recent years because of restrictions on such activity.

He also reported in detail on the new machinery for settling jurisdictional disputes.

(A full account of Ash's report on this subject was published in

last week's East Bay Labor Journal.)

TEAMSTERS

Ash reported that there was a heated debate on the resolution proposed by the Building Trades and a number of international unions and state federations asking readmission of the Teamsters.

He told CLC delegates that Presidents Mike Quill of the Transport Workers and Joe Curran of the National Maritime Union urged readmission of the Teamsters without restrictions. Patrick Gorman of the Butchers also made an impassioned plea to readmit the Teamsters, Ash said.

Among those who spoke against readmission of the Teamsters until they had cleaned house were AFLCIO President George Meany, and Presidents Joseph Bierne of the Communications Workers and Paul Hall of the Seafarers, Ash said.

Ash told CLC delegates that Hall called Hoffa a "fink" in his speech on the floor of the convention.

AWOC STATUS

Ash reported that a meeting with AFLCIO President Meany was arranged during the convention by himself; Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, and W. T. O'Rear, secretary of the Fresno-Madera Central Labor Council.

They met with AWOC representatives.

As a result, Meany announced that—although the AFLCIO had withdrawn major financial support of AWOC, it will continue to give some support to the drive to organize farm workers.

But agricultural workers who want a union will have to pay dues and maintain their own organization, Ash quoted Meany as saying.

THE SOUTH

Ash also told delegates about some of the things he saw on his auto trip home through southern states.

He said he saw 24 "Impeach Earl Warren" billboards in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

(Ash took a photographic slide of one such sign and plans to send it to Warren, he said.)

Ash also said the majority of big daily newspapers he saw in the South had only one page of national and international news.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

HOUSE PAINTERS INVITED BY LOCAL

Editor, Labor Journal:

In the past years members of the house painters' locals, either in their meetings or during their lunchtime on their respective jobs, have complained over the insufficient coverage given by the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund in matters of sickness or accident.

On Oct. 8, 1961, our President Andy Swanson (Local No. 1178) appointed a committee to seek information from any insurance company to see if our plan gives us the best coverage.

The committee in three months of investigation now finds not only is coverage for ourselves as principal members lacking; our wives and children get only a mere pittance.

For this reason, this local will hold a special called meeting on Jan. 19, 1962, at 8 p.m. in our hall, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward, for the purpose of showing this vast difference between what we receive from the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund and what an insurance company would offer us for less money, with better benefits. The Board of Trustees and representatives of an insurance company have been invited to this special called meeting, and members will then have an opportunity to direct their questions to them.

The committee feels and hopes that all members of the affiliated 15 house painters' locals, who, in turn, are part of the Bay Area Painters Welfare Plan, will show enough interest and attend this special called meeting.

ANDRE N. LA ROCHE,
Chairman,
1178 Painters Welfare
Investigating Committee

WON'T SEEK SCHOOL POST, BEE REVEALS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I want to let you know that after considerable thought I have decided not to be a candidate for the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

When I was elected Assemblyman of the 13th District in 1954, my desire was to give the best representation possible to the people of this district. In each succeeding term of office the people have elected me to serve — 1956, 1958, 1960 — I have learned more about the needs of this area. I have spent these years reaching a position where I feel I can be of real service to the community. To leave this job at a time when I can be most useful would, I feel, be unfair to the many fine friends and supporters I have in this district.

Also, I must take into consideration the attachment my family feels for this area. My wife and children have built many friendships—five children mean many friendships. I do not feel these attachments should be uprooted.

Our home and all our close associations here make me reluctant to pull up stakes and go elsewhere.

I certainly appreciate your co-operation and many courtesies in the past and hope this pleasant relationship will continue in the position I will again seek—namely, Assemblyman representing the 13th District.

CARLOS BEE

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GENERALS

In a Republic, we should have neither military statesmen nor political generals.—General Robert E. Lee.